

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. (See page 1266 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment changes the name of the Policy Research Office to the Governor's Policy Research Office. This bill would place the personnel in the Policy Research Office outside of the personnel system and make them directly under the authority of the Governor. So the hiring and firing would be by the Governor, no longer be through the Personnel Department. As a result of that, it seemed appropriate to change the name of the office to the Governor's Policy Research Office. I have discussed this with Senator Scofield. I understand she is in agreement. I don't think there is any problem with the amendment but it would help clarify the new change in status, that this office is now directly tied to the Governor's Office as part of that functioning. So I would ask for your support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, then Senator Scofield. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I had originally had some concerns about this because I was afraid the office wouldn't be able to handle federal grants. We have since checked with the Office of Management and Budget. It is no longer a problem. I think Senator Wesely's amendment makes good sense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to so we can move on. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Wesely amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend the bill. (See page 1134 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.